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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 19, 2005, for which a response was due on December 19, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 19, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.